



EtherCAT booth at Hanover Fair well attended

Despite all predictions to the contrary, Hanover Fair and particularly the joint EtherCAT booth were well attended. The booth team registered more visitors than for any other Hanover Fair in the past. Several Korean exhibitors were represented at the ETG booth, reflecting the fact that Korea was the partner country for this year's Fair. RedOne Technologies presented an EtherCAT-based mobile robot. A further highlight on the booth was the multi-vendor drive demonstration: 25 different drives from 16 manufacturers were synchronized with each other in a single network – probably a new record in the history of fieldbus technology. In total, the 40 co-ex-

hibitors on the joint booth presented around 200 different EtherCAT products. Hanover Fair was also a meeting place for the international ETG crew: Korea was represented by Prof. Yong Seon Moon, ETG representative for Korea, and Key Yoo, manager of the ETG office in Seoul. Other foreign officials included Takeshi Kameda, ETG representative from Japan, and Joey Stubbs from the ETG office in Austin, Texas. Beryl Fan from the ETG office in China used the opportunity to take part in the ETG marketing committee meeting in Nuremberg after the Fair.

EtherCAT goes India

Asia is a focus of the EtherCAT Technology Group's activities in 2009: numerous introductory seminars and training classes are held; and ETG is present at many trade shows. The recent Industrial Ethernet Seminar series in India marked the beginning of ETG's presence in this fast growing economy. Although aimed at ETG member companies only, the seminar series was very well received: more than 150 registered attendants mark India's interest in the EtherCAT Technology. The seminars in New Delhi, Bangalore and Pune covered a detailed

technology introduction as well as an EtherCAT application overview. In India, EtherCAT is already used in a large variety of applications such as packaging machines, automotive test beds, wind turbines and semiconductor manufacturing equipment. But Indian companies not only use EtherCAT for regional applications: since many multinational companies operate R&D centers in India and others also make use of Indian engineering services, there are many EtherCAT implementations under way.

EtherCAT seminar series in North America

In North America the successful EtherCAT seminars will continue in 2009. In 2008, technology events took place in 13 cities in the USA and Canada – from Seattle in the northwest to Charlotte in the southeast. This year the seminars will be held in a further six locations. In addition to the introduction seminars, regular EtherCAT implementation workshops are also held in the USA – most recently in May in San Jose and Chicago. The EtherCAT seminars and implementation workshops meet the requirements of the national US engineering association and therefore count as CPD events for engineers in the USA.